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My dear Friend,

We have just had a very pleasant & interesting board meeting, of which 'more anon'. I will just tell you of the opinion of the friends respecting the publication of the "Correspondence", which I took the opportunity to ask, agreeably to the request in your letter of the 27th ult.:

Jarvis & Lundy were the parties who replied to the question. They did not ^{now} think it necessary or advantageous, but if you did, they saw no objection. Both would be glad to have you say, after

the word "nevertheless," on
the 5th page "if by" coming
out," you mean the renuncia-
tion of those principles of polit-
ical economy or ^{plans of} National policy
which I deem right & best. "If
that party ^{etc."} ~~advocating~~ them
your position seems to me
perfectly clear without any
change; nevertheless, if you
have no objections, they think
that it will so define your
position that the enemy
will have less occasion
to blaspheme. If it be not
exactly right; after the ultra
resolution of the last annual
meeting, that the editor chosen
should be a conservative, that
is our blame, & we, not

you alone, ought to bear
the blame. I put for
one, & so I believe do we
all, that there was no one
so truly qualified for the post
& nothing but the hope that
our shadow might be helpful
in overcoming the difficulty &
opposition which we knew you
would have to contend with, kept
us from reminding all that
we had done when we found
the wheels blocked.

you are the judge (a better
one from your position than
we can possibly be) as to
the expediency of publishing
this correspondence; for you
undoubtedly have loads of letters

that it would reply to at
once, - & if it answers them
to your mind, it ought to
be published. I did not wish
it published at the time, for
I wanted the ice to be broken
by a more effectual means
than by correspondence.

That having been done I
am very happy for one,
to have the correspondence
follow. Certainly we have
all been true to our con-
victions in it; & I think it
does us all honour. The more
true hearts show of themselves, on
proper occasions, the better they
better they appear to the
beholders. We differ - yet there

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is no division. There is
Mutual reliance, & active affec-
tion, & the highest & most
cordial regard - at least
as far as I know, & I
can speak for one, & think
I can for all. For the
other correspondence, that
between James & our pro-
posed branch, while it shows
a perfect full's payment of
good intentions on his part, as
well as on ours, it is not
equally honourable to both
parties, for there was not even
an honest difference of opinion.
The terrors of James grew
wholly out of our choice
of Collins as general agent -
P.P. 9 Our decision to have an eye

So to speak, in the office
143, into which we as a hawk
could fit, for there is no
business adaptation between
ourselves & Fisher Koppner -
nothing but affectionate regard,
all of which however great
it amounts, does not make
him an energetic, money-
raising, concentrative, magnetic,
young man. I am sure I
work me as a society were
like 'human governments,' &
could see our way clear to
present that belov'd friend
a handsome pension, &
make him a perpetual
vigilance committee. That,

I not the office agency
is what he is fit for. But
I greatly grieve that we
mentioned even, or even thought
of reducing his salary. It
was a small circumstance
but it hindered the cause
out of the grandest year's
work that was ever planned
for this. I am unfortunate
in knowing the hearts of
the beloved friends in N.Y.
They really have not seemed
to see the difference a heart
to feel the difference between
the Society's desire to give them
an honorable ^{most important} retirement from its
official service, & Joshua Leavitt
stealing the Emancipator.

• This is disagreeable to think
or to say — yet this will
unavoidably rise in the
future like the ghost of a
Murdered Past. (I don't
mean make excuse by that
word; but as one speaks of
a Murdered speech or a curious
tale Murdered in telling, so
may one speak of a Murdered
a year. I have laboured
like a turn-spit⁺ to lay it
in the red sea but it will
not lay. (a fope would have
been a better comparison)
so exacted have been the measures
rather I suppose, shut
speaking, ought it for more
than a year, to be sprinkled
with holy water.